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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT MACHEL

1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT MACHEL.

2. QTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: THE PRESIDENT WROTE YOU TO SAY THAT I WOULD BE IN TOUCH. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE WITH YOU MY PRELIMINARY VIEWS ON THE RHODESIAN SITUATION.

3. QTE IAN SMITH'S STATEMENT OF JANUARY 24 CAME AS AN UNPLEASANT SURPRISE TO US. THE PROPOSALS WHICH THE BRITISH WERE DISCUSSING IN AFRICA ENJOYED OUR SUPPORT. WE HAD HOPED THAT THE SALISBURY AUTHORITIES AND THE ZIMBABWE NATIONALISTS WOULD ACCEPT THESE PROPOSALS AS  
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A BASIS FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS. WE RECOGNIZED, OF COURSE, THAT IMPORTANT CONCESSIONS WOULD STILL BE REQUIRED FROM ALL PARTIES IF A SETTLEMENT WAS TO BE REACHED.

4. QTE OUR SUPPORT OF THE BRITISH FRAMEWORK FOR A SETTLEMENT REMAINS UNDIMINISHED DESPITE SMITH'S ATTITUDE.

5. QTE WE HAVE TAKEN INITIAL STEPS TO REMIND SMITH THAT HIS ATTITUDE HAS PRODUCED A MORE DANGEROUS SITUATION FOR RHODESIA AND SOUTHERN AFRICA. IN PUBLIC, WE HAVE STATED THAT HIS CALL FOR AN INTERNAL SOLUTION ENJOYS NO AMERICAN SUPPORT. WE HAVE TOLD HIM THAT IF A DEAD-LOCK IN NEGOTIATIONS IS REACHED, HE MUST EXPECT STIFF AMERICAN OPPOSITION. THE PRESIDENT HAS ASKED ME TO TELL YOU THAT THE ADMINISTRATION WILL NOW SEEK THE REPEAL OF THE BYRD AMENDMENT AND WE ARE BEGINNING EFFORTS WITH THE CONGRESS TOWARDS THAT END. THE SOUTH AFRICANS HAVE BEEN ASKED TO COMMUNICATE OUR MESSAGE TO SMITH.

6. QTE ON MONDAY, JANUARY 31, I WILL MEET THE PRESS AND RENEW THE UNITED STATES' PLEDGE TO PURSUE A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT FOR ZIMBABWE WHICH WILL LEAD TO MAJORITY RULE. I WILL RESTATE OUR OPPOSITION TO THE COURSE WHICH SMITH HAS INDICATED.

7. QTE IT IS IMPORTANT NOW THAT WE TAKE FULL AND CAREFUL STOCK OF THE SITUATION BEFORE PROCEEDING. WE ARE IN CLOSE AND REGULAR CONSULTATIONS WITH THE BRITISH. AS WE MOVE FORWARD I HOPE TO HAVE YOUR ADVICE AND THAT OF YOUR GOVERNMENT ON WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. IN THE MEANTIME, IT IS MY HOPE THAT ALL PARTIES ACT IN A MANNER WHICH WILL CONTRIBUTE TO A RENEWED SEARCH FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION.

8. QTE I AM AWARE OF YOUR LEADERSHIP IN THE LONG STRUGGLE THAT PRODUCED YOUR COUNTRY'S INDEPENDENCE AND LOOK  
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FORWARD TO YOUR CONTINUED ADVICE AND SUPPORT IN THE SEARCH FOR A JUST SETTLEMENT TO THE PROBLEM OF ZIMBABWE. RESPECTFULLY, CYRUS R. VANCE. UNQTE  
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